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Re: WPAY(AM), Portsmouth, Ohio
Facility Identification Number: 54835
Radio Stations WPAY/WPFB, Inc.
Special Temporary Authority

Dear Counsel:

This is in reference to the request filed on September 22, 2009, on behalf of Radio Stations WPAY/WPFB, Inc. (RSW/W), licensee of Station WPAY(AM).¹ RSW/W requests extension of the special temporary authority (STA) granted on March 24, 2009, to operate Station WPAY with reduced power. In support of the request, RSW/W states that the station's ground system has been stolen several times, and that efforts to replace the ground system have been hampered by the presence of snakes and hornets at the site and the need for security at the remote site to prevent further theft. RSW/W states that it is working to address these issues.

Requests for extension of STA will be granted only where the licensee can show that one or more of the following criteria have been met:

- Restoration of licensed facilities is complete and testing is underway;
- Substantial progress has been made during the most recent STA period toward restoration of licensed operation; or
- No progress has been made during the most recent STA period for reasons clearly beyond the licensee's control, and the licensee has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem.

Our review indicates that the licensee has been prevented from restoring licensed operation due to causes beyond its control and has taken all possible steps to expeditiously resolve the problem. Thus, extension of STA is warranted.

¹ WPAY is licensed for operation on 1400 kHz with 0.8 kilowatt, unlimited hours, employing a nondirectional antenna (ND-1-U).

Accordingly, the request for extension of STA IS HEREBY GRANTED. Station WPAY may operate with reduced power. RSW/W must use whatever means are necessary to protect workers and the public from exposure to radio frequency radiation in excess of the Commission's exposure guidelines. See 47 CFR § 1.1310.

This authority expires on **March 25, 2010**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Charles N. Miller", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charles N. Miller, Engineer
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cc: Radio Stations WPAY/WPFB, Inc.